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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN REPRESENTATION AT 61ST UN GENERAL
ASSEMBLY

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1. (SBU) Kamen Velitchkov at the MFA's UN Directorate informed us on July 26 that Minister of Foreign Affairs Ivailo Kalfin will be the highest ranking member of the Bulgarian government attending the 61st UN General Assembly general debate in September. Kalfin will head a delegation consisting of deputy ministers and ambassadors, but these individuals have not yet been selected. The dates of the Minister's trip have also not yet been determined. Post will provide updates as more information becomes available regarding the GOB's delegation.

2. (SBU) Interim report on planned attendance:

A. Attendance of the Head of State: Will not attend.

-- President Georgi Purvanov

B. Attendance of the Head of Government: Will not attend.

-- Prime Minister Sergei Stanishev

C. Attendance of the Foreign Minister: Will attend.

-- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs
Ivailo Kalfin

-- Arrival and departure dates: Not yet determined.

-- Spouse travel: Unlikely.

-- Interpretation: Not required.

D. Attendance of other VIP's: Not yet determined.

E. Attendance of the Foreign Ministry official responsible for IO affairs: Not yet determined.

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